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8 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 THOMAS FREDERICK LEONARD,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
15 CALIFORNIA,

16 Respondent.
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No. 2:23-CV-2693-DMC-P

ORDER

18 Petitioner, who is proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of habeas
19 corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pending before the Court is Petitioner's petition, ECF No. 1. "A
20 petitioner for habeas corpus relief must name the state officer having custody of him or her as the
21 respondent to the petition." Stanley v. California Supreme Court, 21 F.3d 359, 360 (9th Cir.
22 1994); see also Rule 2(a), Federal Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. Because Petitioner has
23 not named the appropriate state officer, Petitioner will be provided leave to amend to correct this
24 technical defect by naming the correct respondent. See Stanley, 21 F.3d at 360. Petitioner is
25 warned that failure to comply with this order may result in the dismissal of this action. See Local
26 Rule 110.

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus, ECF No. 1, is dismissed with leave to amend;

2. Petitioner shall file an amended petition on the form employed by this court, and which names the proper respondent and states all claims and requests for relief, within 30 days of the date of this order; and

3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Petitioner the Court's form habeas corpus application.

Dated: November 30, 2023



DENNIS M. COTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE